

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the abstract to read as follows:

A coating device (10) for coating a metal strip (12) in a metal melt (14) ~~substantially comprises~~ includes a shaft (16,18) that is rotatable in the metal melt (14) for guiding the metal strip (12), and a slide bearing (26<sub>1</sub>, 26<sub>2</sub>) for supporting the shaft (16,18)[[,]]. ~~The~~ the slide bearing (26<sub>1</sub>, 26<sub>2</sub>) ~~being~~ is formed by a bearing housing (32) and a bearing bushing (34) ~~held therein. The bearing bush (34) comprises that~~ has several pairs (36<sub>1</sub> - 36<sub>4</sub>) of bearing surfaces and is ~~configured so as to be~~ circumferentially closed. The bearing bushing (34) is adapted to be set in ~~several~~ selected rotational positions in circumferential direction in the bearing housing (32). ~~Further, a~~ A releasable bearing bushing fixing element (40) ~~is provided by means of which the bearing bush (34) can be locked~~ locks the bushing in each of the set selected rotational positions with respect to the bearing housing (32). Thereby, a worn pair (36<sub>1</sub> - 36<sub>4</sub>) of bearing surfaces can be simply replaced by a non-worn pair (36<sub>1</sub> - 36<sub>4</sub>) of bearing surfaces by a rotation of the bearing bushing.

(Fig. 1)